

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

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Process for increasing the molecular weight of polycondensates

which is described and claimed in:

- ☒ the attached specification.
- ☐ the specification in U.S. Application No. _____
filed _____ (day/month/year), and as amended on _____ (day/month/year) (if applicable).
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assigned U.S. Application No. _____ (if applicable), and as amended
- ☐ under PCT Article 19 on _____ (day/month/year) (if applicable)
- ☐ under PCT Article 34 on _____ (day/month/year) (if applicable)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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COUNTRY/REGION (OR PCT)	APPLICATION No.	FILING DATE (day/month/year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED	
Switzerland	393/96	15.02.96	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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09/125,178	12.08.98	<input type="checkbox"/> Patented	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned
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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agents, associated with Customer No. 000324, each of them with full power of substitution, revocation and appointment of associates, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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